

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: John L. Gargiulo, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/944,292  
Filing Date: August 31, 2001  
Art Unit: 2157  
Confirmation No.: 1901  
Examiner: Avi M. Gold  
Title: *DISTRIBUTED NETWORK QUERY*

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

In response to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated April 11, 2008 and the Office Action dated August 27, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the amendments and comments set forth below.